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The chips fall off the European shoulders at the slightest breath of animadversion.

The Vermont National Guard's annual muster came just in time for the war—in contemplation.

Mrs. Bessie J. Wakefield of Connecticut, convicted of second degree murder of her husband, didn't have the benefit of French court pyrotechnics. Then, too, she didn't shoot an editor.

Information comes to this office that the poorest highways in the state are in Chittenden county. This is not as it should be. Particular criticism has been made of the Sand Bar bridge and the two-mile stretch across the swamp east of the bridge. Then the road from there into Burlington is actually dangerous in many places, besides being altogether too narrow for safe automobile traffic. Chittenden county should wake up to the need of making more liberal appropriations for highway improvement.—Burlington Clipper.

It is readily conceded that Chittenden county has some of the worst strips of highway in Vermont, but whether those roads have reached the superlative degree of badness is, possibly, a matter which some other sections of the state could reasonably contest with Chittenden county. However, the roads there are in such poor shape that they should be taken care of at once. On the eastern side of the county, for instance, along the main highway across the central part of the state, the road is so poor as to discourage nearly all kinds of traffic, and that poor quality of highway is one reason why there is not more single-mindedness of interests between the two sections of the state. Given a first-class highway, if not a boulevard, and there would be less heard about the "mountain rule" which was originally applied to politics but which has come to be attached to business and social relations in the central part of the state. The present poor roads accentuate the obstacle which the "mountain rule" places between the counties of Chittenden and Washington although those two counties are contiguous and should, therefore, be more closely related.

EX-SPEAKER CANNON'S VAIN EFFORT.

The announcement that former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the United States House of Representatives is a candidate for re-election to that body from the 18th Illinois district gives promise of a somewhat spectacular campaign in which the skyward tilted cigar will be one of the chief features, while from around the cigar will issue a flow of words that will fairly crackle with dryness. The 18th Illinois district will be sure of having a free show and will enjoy it if the people haven't become surfeited with that kind of entertainment from this particular performer. But that is about as far as the thing is likely to go, for Cannon must be held there about as he is held in other parts of the country—a man who has served to his limit and who ought to remain in retirement for his remaining years and permit some less aged and more receptive man to take the position. By the time that the term of office which Cannon seeks would begin, Cannon would be almost into a period of octogenarianism. He already is 78 years of age and, moreover, he has been out of public life for a few years and thus out of touch with the current of events. In fact, there were many complaints that Cannon was out of touch with the trend of affairs even while he was a member of Congress and the speaker of the House. It is not probable that in the years that have ensued since then, during which he has engaged to a considerable extent, he has come into closer sympathy with present-day ideas. Therefore, former Speaker Cannon's candidacy is not regarded very seriously.

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settled, together with the greater war possibilities among some of the world's greatest powers, it will take a long time for Europe to recover its composure so that touring Europe can be done under the best conditions. Chief among the unsettling features there will be the financial side of the various nations which have become embroiled in the present trouble. Therefore, those Americans who already have not gone abroad would do well to change their plans for a summer vacation and decide to "see the United States first." There is plenty in the United States worth seeing and an automobile tour through the mountain and lake regions will well repay them in rest and restored health, and, moreover, they can be assured of a greater degree of comfort than would be possible in European resorts, where tourists are subjected to all kinds of discomforts and, in addition, are made to pay dearly for the little that they do receive in service. A motor tour through New England, for instance, is one of the finest vacations that could be arranged and the tour can be made at reasonable rates of expenditure, too. Many persons who had intended to go to Europe doubtless will stay at home under the pressure of the circumstances there. Let them try this substitute vacation and prove that it is worth while in everything that is promised.

CURRENT COMMENT

Greater Vermont Association.

Some of the officials of the Greater Vermont association are complaining because the association is not getting all the credit due it. It is claimed that all the "better acquaintance trips" about the state were inspired by the association. In fact if the association had not done a deal of pumping no such trips would have been started. It is contended and with apparently good reason that local boards of trade ought not to be given all the credit for carrying through a good idea. These local bodies did their parts well, but might never have generated sufficient steam to get under way if the larger association had not contributed a little fuel. This association is a corporation and has at least two good officers, James E. Taylor, formerly of Saxtons River, secretary and F. H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls, chairman of the board of directors. It is doing good work in several directions and is bound to keep moving in the right direction so long as Mr. Taylor is secretary—Bellows Falls Times.

Fallacy of Locality.

"In a column editorial The London-derry Sifter comes to the support of Porter H. Dale to succeed Representative Frank Plumley, referring to the Island Pond aspirant as 'our strong visaged friend.' The Sifter makes the argument (if such a claim may be dignified by that name), that Dale should be chosen because Essex county never has had a representative in Congress. In our humble opinion Essex county never should be represented in Congress until it can produce a stronger candidate than Dale."—Brattleboro Reformer.

Although voters in the first Vermont district may take a proper interest in the man whom the voters of the second district decided to send to Washington, on the theory that a congressman is a legislator for the whole nation rather than for a part, it must nevertheless be added that in the strict sense it is none of our business here in the first what those in the second make up their minds to do. They will do the electing and will have to skin their own cats.

Therefore, The Messenger has no desire to enter into a discussion of the qualifications of any of the candidates, but it recognizes in The Sifter's argument a fallacy which might well be pointed out once again, because it is a fallacy that is current all over the state

and appears in the same form everywhere. It is the fallacy of locality. The Sifter seeks to make a point by saying that Mr. Dale should be chosen because Essex county never has had a representative in Congress. This sounds familiar; it is familiar; it is the basis for the "favorite son" movement, whenever it is encountered.

Home loyalty is a great thing, but like other good characteristics it can easily be carried too far. It ought not to have to be said that because a man lives in a certain place it does not make him the logical candidate for this or that office. It is with the man that the voters are concerned, not with his place of residence, other than it be within the confines of the legal district. This very truth reveals the absurdity of the "mountain rule" in the election of senators and governors to which Vermont has clung so tenaciously. It is a custom, but some customs are absurd, as anyone will admit. The Messenger is inclined to believe that Mr. Dale must have some other and more worthy qualification than his residence in Essex county.—St. Albans Messenger.

A Lawful Outrage.

For nothing more criminal than having witnessed a fight between her "Gentman friend" and a certain Dan Thompson, Ella Barber, a chorus girl, is imprisoned as a witness in Newfane jail, sick, friendless and faced by the certainty of a lost engagement.

There is abundant legal warrant for detaining a necessary witness, but no one presumes for a moment that such a despicable outrage would be permitted if Ella were a highly paid comic opera star or a vaudeville headliner, with friends and means sufficient to make a set of fat-witted county officials sit up and observe things.

A chorus girl with a "summer trick" is not a very highly paid or wonderfully valuable member of society, but to incarcerate the witness of a Barber park fist-fight all summer in the noisome keep at Newfane is plain tyranny and inhumanity.—Rutland Herald.

Jose's Blunder.

E. P. Jose makes an unwarranted attack on Dr. H. Nelson Jackson, chairman of the executive committee of the Progressive party, in the last issue of the Advance. It is not only unfair but unjust and scurrilous. How a man of Mr. Jose's ability can stoop to such a low dirty trick is beyond the reason of thinking men. Such stuff is not argument—it is mere mud slinging and almost nasty at that. But it may be well that it is done. It puts Mr. Jose in his true light and shows that he is far from a gentleman. It is also a convincing argument that he is the one of selfish purpose and that his Progressive

principles are limited to the extent of his own erratic brain.

It is quite evident that Mr. Jose is not in sympathy with the Progressive nominating Judge Prouty for the Senate. He is said to be in favor of Governor Fletcher for the office, as are some others who claim allegiance to the Progressive party. While Governor Fletcher may have favored some progressive measures yet it would be ridiculous for the Progressives to even consider him for any office on their ticket.

Mr. Jose has shown his traitorous streak and it comes out with a viciousness that will cost him what influence and respect he may have had in his party.—Burlington Clipper.

MONTPELIER.

Monarch Evaporator Co. of Newport Organized—Has Capital of \$50,000.

The Monarch Evaporator Co. of Newport has filed articles of association with the secretary of state, having a capital stock of \$50,000. The company will manufacture maple sugar utensils. The subscribers, all Newport men, are W. W. Time, John R. Akin, E. C. Blanchard, F. L. Patterson, E. M. Hunt, C. S. Emery and E. T. Hobson.

W. B. McElroy of Middlesex has sold the Elmwood property at the corner of Barre and Fullerton streets to Matthew J. and Annie E. Doyle of this city, the purchase price being \$4,000. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle will occupy the house Sept. 1. G. W. Gorman of Barre has been appointed trustee of the bankrupt estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll of that city, who carried on a granite business. The appraisers are J. J. Goodwin, F. T. Cutler and L. C. Beck.

Walter Cameron of Woodsville, N. H., who laid down for a nap in the timber shed near the Montpelier & Wells River roundhouse, fell off into four feet of water in the Winooski river last night. His cries brought assistance and he was helped out none the worse for his wetting. Cameron fell at least 10 feet and had he struck any of the stones in the river, the result would have been serious.

County Clerk L. C. Moody has been appointed by Mayor Boutwell as acting city judge during the absence of Erwin M. Harvey. Since the appointment of B. E. Bailey as postmaster, the city has had no acting judge of the city court.

John Brewster, who said he came from White River Junction, pleaded guilty in city court yesterday to a charge of intoxication and went to jail for 20 days, being unable to pay his fine of \$5 and costs. Brewster went into Farrar's restaurant Wednesday evening, ordered a meal and ate it and then told the proprietor he had no money to pay for it. This proved to be true. Brewster was then arrested for alleged intoxication.

Hanging Expensive Clothes on "Mother."

In the August American Magazine Stephen Leacock, who is called "the Canadian Mark Twain," writes an amusing piece entitled: "Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich," in the course of which he gives a comic picture of Tomlinson, the Wizard of Finance, and his wife who are stopping at the Grand Palaver hotel where they are registered from Cahoga county, Ohio. Following is an extract about "Mother" Tomlinson: "Mother," too, was in the papers and the public eye; and whatever she shops had fresh from Paris at fabulous prices, that they sold to mother; and they had put a Balkan hat upon her with an upright feather, and they had hung gold chains on her, and everything that was most expensive had they hung and tied on mother.

"You might see her almost any morning emerging slowly from the Grand Palaver in her beetle jacket and her Balkan hat, a figure of infinite pathos. And whatever she wore, the lady editors of 'Spring Notes' and 'Causerie du Boulevard' wrote it out in French; and one paper had called her a 'belle chataine,' and another had spoken of her as a 'grande dame,' which the Tomlinsons thought must be a misprint.

"But in any case, for Tomlinson the wizard of finance, it was a great relief to have his wife a woman like mother, because he knew that she had at one time taught school in Cahoga county and could hold her own in the city with any of them.

"So mother spent her time sitting in her beetle jacket, in the thousand dollar suite, reading new novels in brilliant paper jackets. And the wizard on his trips up and down to the rotunda brought her the very best—the ones that cost a dollar-fifty—because he knew that out home she had only been able to read books like Nathaniel Hawthorne and Walter Scott, that were only worth ten cents.

"Fred was the son of the wizard and mother. In the inner room he lay there on a sofa, a great hulking boy of seventeen in a flowered dressing gown, fancying himself ill. There was a paper of cigarettes and a box of chocolates on a chair beside him, and he had the blind drawn and his eyes half closed to impress himself."

Prouty's Position.

After much bucking and filling Hon. Chas. A. Prouty has consented to run for the United States Senate as a candidate of the Progressives. Mr. Prouty was very particular to announce to the meeting of Progressives that he had had an interview with Col. Roosevelt and that the Colonel would endorse him for the position. There's nothing like this "people's choice" business which is being worked so carefully. Certainly "let the people rule" but first see that you are entered with the endorsement of the "Boss" people.—Manchester Journal.

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